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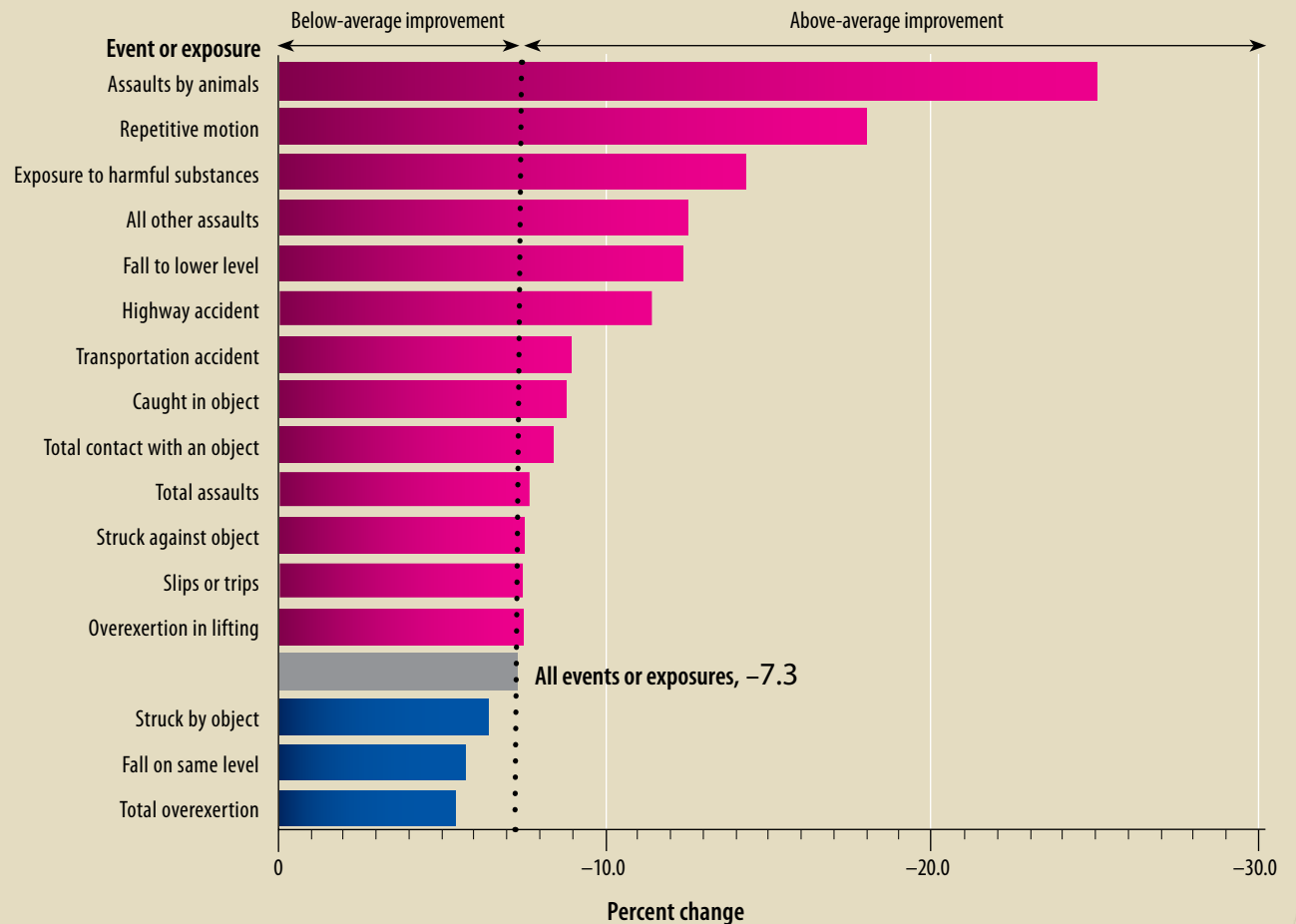
The days-away-from-work rate for all events in private industry fell by 7.3 percent between 2007 and 2008.

Cases involving repetitive motion fell by 17.9 percent, while cases involving exposure to harmful substances fell by 14.3 percent. The 2008 incidence rate of repetitive motion injuries was 3.2 per 10,000 full-time workers. Exposure to harmful substances had an incidence rate of 4.8 per 10,000 full-time workers.

Assaults by animals fell by 25.0 percent (from 0.8 to 0.6 per 10,000 full-time workers), while total assaults fell by 7.7 percent.

The rates for "struck by object," "fall on same level," and "total overexertion" fell by less than the average for all events and exposures.

Percent change in incidence rate of injuries and illnesses, by selected events and exposures, 2007-08



SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, November 2009.